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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

MAINE LEADS THE NATION AND NEW ENGLAND IN THE CONCENTRATION OF PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR WORKERS; AND MACHINE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, AND INSPECTORS; AND TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, WORKERS IN MAINE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED IN PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR OCCUPATIONS; MACHINE OPERATING, ASSEMBLING, AND INSPECTING OCCUPATIONS; AND TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE REST OF NEW ENGLAND OR THE NATION. IN 1984, 30.7 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN THESE OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES COMPARED TO 25.2 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND 24.3 PERCENT NATIONALLY.

A TOTAL OF 13.5 PERCENT OF MAINE WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR OCCUPATIONS COMPARED WITH 12.6 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND 12.4 PERCENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN MACHINE OPERATING, ASSEMBLING, AND INSPECTING OCCUPATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 12.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE, 9.2 PERCENT FOR NEW ENGLAND, AND 7.6 PERCENT FOR THE NATION. THE HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE IS DUE IN PART TO ABOVE-AVERAGE GROWTH IN HIGH-TECH METALS AND MACHINERY INDUSTRIES AND SHIPBUILDING.

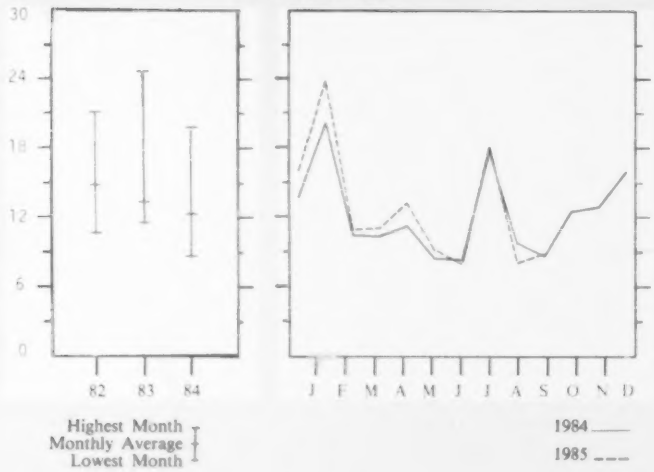
MAINE ALSO HAD A HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS, WITH 4.8 PERCENT OF MAINE WORKERS EMPLOYED IN THIS CATEGORY COMPARED TO 3.4 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND 4.3 PERCENT NATIONWIDE. THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO RECENT EMPLOYMENT EXPANSIONS IN MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION -- LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING, AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

Labor Market Information Services

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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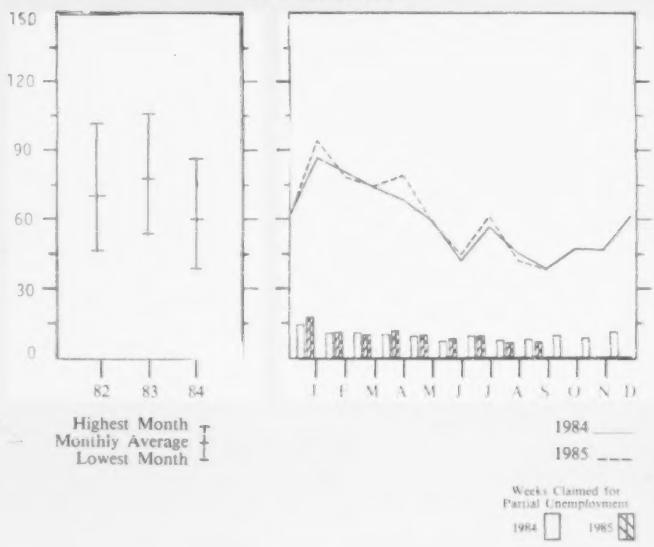
in Thousands



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PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS BY SEX
MAINE, NEW ENGLAND, UNITED STATES
ANNUAL AVERAGE, 1984

OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL			MALE			FEMALE		
	ME.	N.E.	U.S.	ME.	N.E.	U.S.	ME.	N.E.	U.S.
PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR	13.5	12.6	12.4	22.2	20.4	20.2	3.0	2.9	2.4
MACHINE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, AND INSPECTORS	12.4	9.2	7.6	11.6	9.1	8.0	13.2	9.4	7.1
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING	4.8	3.4	4.3	8.1	5.8	6.9	0.4	0.6	0.8

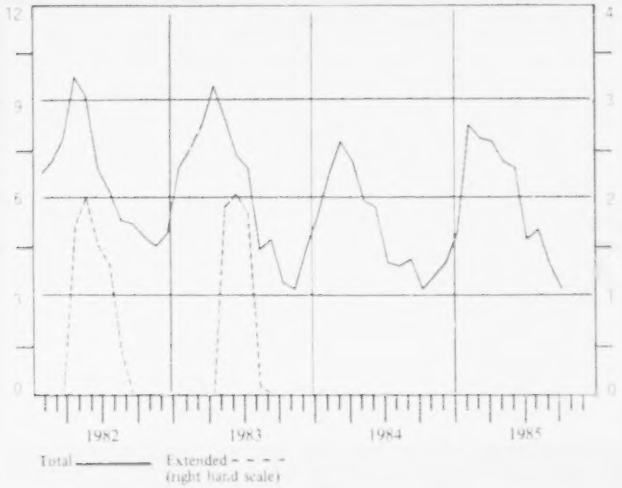
SOURCE: NEWS RELEASE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE, AUGUST 13, 1985.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

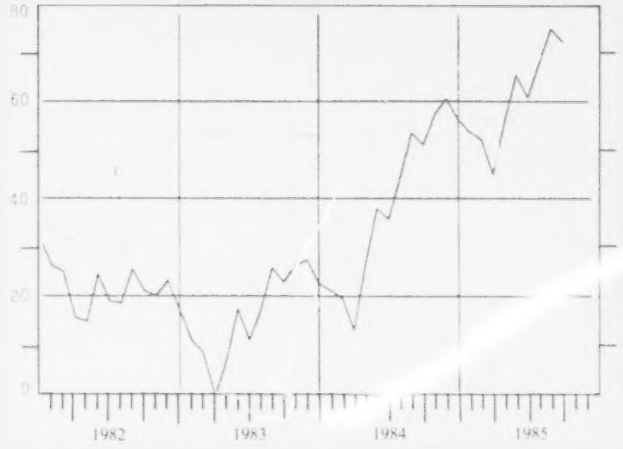
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	464.5	469.9	457.5	106.1	106.7	103.9	37.4	36.9	36.6
Total Manufacturing	109.0	108.1	111.4	15.5	16.6	16.5	10.7	10.8	11.3
Durable Goods	40.6	40.7	39.6	7.1	7.1	6.8	2.5	2.6	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	15.0	15.1	13.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
Machinery, except Electrical	3.9	3.9	4.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.5	9.6	9.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	4.9	4.8	4.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	62.4	64.4	65.8	8.4	9.5	9.5	8.2	8.2	8.9
Food and Kindred Products	9.3	9.5	9.4	1.6	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.1	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.4	1.5
Apparel	4.2	4.2	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.8	18.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.7	4.7	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.3	4.2	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	13.7	15.0	17.1	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.7	2.7	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.1	13.3	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.7	2.9
Other Leather Products	2.6	2.7	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.5	1.6	1.7	4.3	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	361.5	364.8	345.9	90.6	91.1	87.4	26.7	26.1	25.3
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	25.2	24.7	21.6	6.3	6.2	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.3	20.0	5.8	5.9	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	21.1	21.3	20.8	6.0	6.1	5.8	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	90.7	94.2	87.5	27.9	28.0	25.4	6.7	6.7	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.9	21.1	20.1	6.4	6.4	6.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	97.9	104.0	93.5	24.0	25.6	23.9	9.4	9.1	8.7
Government	85.3	79.0	82.4	13.4	12.9	13.0	3.5	3.2	3.4
Federal	18.4	18.6	19.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.9	60.4	64.1	11.8	11.2	11.4	3.2	2.9	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Dispute	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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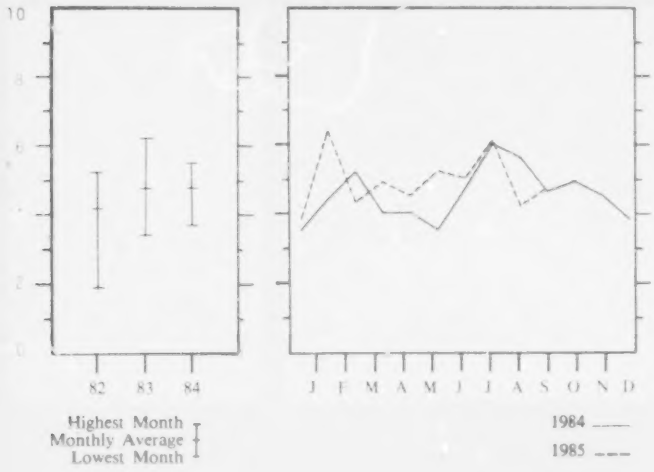
New Applications For Work

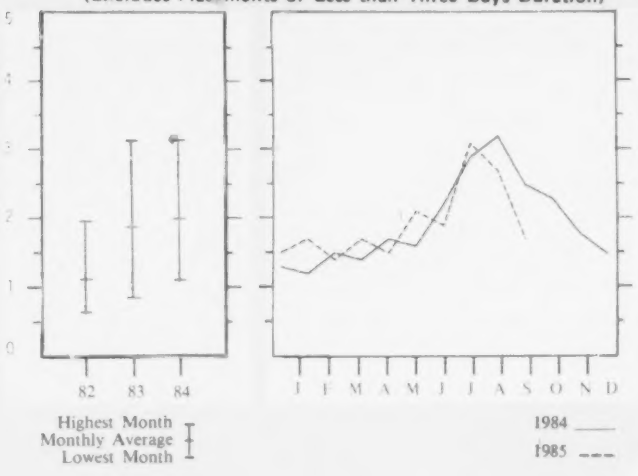
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.57	$329.85	$329.64	39.9	40.1	40.2	$8.26	$ 8.16	$8.20	$8.05	$ 7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	324.39	331.70	342.72	39.5	40.6	40.8	8.13	8.17	8.40	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	330.03	343.99	322.64	40.1	41.0	41.1	8.25	8.39	7.85	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	342.70	350.27	317.02	41.5	40.4	40.8	8.26	8.67	7.77	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	378.97	364.83	364.42	41.0	40.9	41.6	9.17	8.92	8.76	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	293.04	288.00	301.43	37.2	36.4	39.3	7.63	7.55	7.67	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	326.90	335.33	400.20	41.6	42.5	41.3	7.86	7.89	9.69	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	332.77	326.00	320.79	39.3	40.0	39.8	8.34	8.15	8.06	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	243.30	249.80	234.61	37.1	39.4	36.6	6.56	6.34	6.41	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	279.47	275.93	260.41	41.9	41.0	41.4	6.67	6.72	6.29	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	206.12	204.06	202.21	35.6	36.0	36.5	5.79	5.83	5.54	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	554.16	545.23	531.63	43.6	44.4	44.6	12.71	12.28	11.92	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	220.13	215.76	206.70	37.5	37.2	36.2	5.87	5.80	5.71	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	288.41	284.06	291.51	39.4	38.7	40.6	7.32	7.34	7.18	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	372.30	385.04	309.70	36.5	38.9	38.3	8.83	8.87	8.06	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	264.96	258.41	248.07	38.4	38.8	37.2	6.54	6.66	6.69	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	245.7	250.9	243.3
Unemployed	12.2	13.1	15.6
(Percent)	5.0%	5.2%	6.4%
Resident Employed	233.6	237.8	227.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	324.5	323.5	314.5	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	566.0	577.7	578.8	544.2	554.5	550.8	21.8	23.2	28.0	3.9	4.0	4.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	46,600	47,400	46,400	45,100	45,900	44,500	1,500	1,500	1,900	3.2	3.2	4.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,600	42,200	42,400	39,500	40,000	39,700	2,100	2,200	2,700	5.0	5.2	6.4
Portland MSA	104,100	107,600	104,700	101,500	105,000	101,300	2,600	2,600	3,400	2.5	2.4	3.2
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	108,450	110,760	107,000	105,410	106,930	102,370	3,040	3,830	4,630	2.8	3.5	4.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,610	31,280	31,310	29,450	30,120	29,800	1,160	1,160	1,510	3.8	3.7	4.8
Bath-Brunswick	25,060	25,280	26,100	24,270	24,350	25,190	790	930	910	3.2	3.7	3.5
Belfast	11,020	11,170	11,350	10,290	10,270	10,550	730	900	800	6.6	8.1	7.0
Biddeford	24,870	26,350	24,240	24,010	25,440	23,120	860	910	1,120	3.5	3.5	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,870	11,120	9,910	10,550	10,770	9,540	320	350	370	2.9	3.1	3.7
Calais-Eastport	15,610	19,620	17,060	14,910	18,810	15,980	700	810	1,080	4.5	4.1	6.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	27,630	22,320	28,530	26,040	20,860	25,820	1,590	1,460	2,710	5.8	6.5	9.5
Central Penobscot	4,460	4,590	4,390	4,300	4,410	4,230	160	180	160	3.6	3.9	3.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,540	6,650	6,720	6,280	6,340	6,360	260	310	360	4.0	4.7	5.4
Ellsworth	24,700	28,770	24,690	24,030	28,010	23,830	670	760	860	2.7	2.6	3.5
Farmington	12,780	12,560	13,300	11,930	11,700	12,330	850	860	970	6.7	6.8	7.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	8,470	6,270	10,340	8,090	5,920	9,840	380	350	500	4.5	5.6	4.8
Greenville	1,570	1,660	1,690	1,510	1,590	1,580	60	70	110	3.8	4.2	6.5
Houlton	7,520	5,950	8,660	7,150	5,580	8,190	370	370	470	4.9	6.2	5.4
Kittery-York 3/	24,000	24,810	23,340	23,760	24,540	22,960	240	270	380	1.0	1.1	1.6
Lincoln-Howland	6,330	6,370	6,190	6,010	6,100	5,940	320	270	250	5.1	4.2	4.0
Livermore Falls	3,720	3,590	4,400	3,440	3,310	4,020	280	280	380	7.5	7.8	8.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,590	4,490	6,510	5,340	4,250	6,110	250	240	400	4.5	5.3	6.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,470	5,650	5,440	5,250	5,490	5,250	220	160	190	4.0	2.8	3.5
Norway-Paris	9,040	9,610	9,340	8,590	9,080	8,710	450	530	630	5.0	5.5	6.7
Patten-Island Falls	3,730	3,070	3,950	3,600	2,940	3,800	130	130	150	3.5	4.2	3.8
Rockland	19,190	19,900	20,150	18,560	19,170	19,390	630	730	760	3.3	3.7	3.8
Rumford	9,670	9,920	9,810	9,200	9,370	9,070	470	550	740	4.9	5.5	7.5
Sanford	12,990	13,560	13,400	12,190	12,690	12,710	800	870	690	6.2	6.4	5.1
Sebago Lakes Region	10,050	12,360	9,980	9,730	12,030	9,560	320	330	420	3.2	2.7	4.2
Skowhegan	22,120	22,670	23,580	20,920	21,260	22,150	1,200	1,410	1,430	5.4	6.2	6.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,410	8,490	8,510	7,840	7,860	7,890	570	630	620	6.8	7.4	7.3
Waterville	21,890	22,360	22,440	21,010	21,390	21,370	880	970	1,070	4.0	4.3	4.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,726.2	1,678.4	n/a	1,637.4	1,606.5	n/a	88.8	71.8	n/a	5.1	4.3
Massachusetts	3,066.0	3,119.0	3,047.5	2,946.0	3,004.0	2,910.1	121.0	115.0	137.5	3.9	3.7	4.5
New Hampshire	541.7	550.6	531.5	526.6	532.0	513.9	15.1	18.6	17.6	2.8	3.4	3.3
Rhode Island	508.8	508.2	498.2	489.1	487.1	475.7	19.7	21.1	22.5	3.9	4.2	4.5
Vermont	277.9	275.2	276.9	266.6	262.7	267.1	11.3	12.5	9.8	4.1	4.5	3.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,179.2	6,032.5	n/a	5,923.2	5,773.3	n/a	256.0	259.2	n/a	4.1	4.3
UNITED STATES 4/	115,850	116,679	113,843	107,867	108,628	105,792	7,984	8,051	8,051	6.9	6.9	7.1

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimant	6,901	7,966	7,440	921	857	904	756	857	936
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.9	1.7	1.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.2	2.5	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	6.6	8.0	9.3
Clerical and Sales	16.5	17.8	18.7
Service	7.4	8.6	9.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.6	1.7	1.0
Processing	4.5	4.6	6.3
Machine Trades	18.7	16.1	15.3
Benchwork	20.2	21.3	15.3
Structural Work	9.0	9.6	10.1
Miscellaneous	12.0	12.1	12.4

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.6	57.3	54.5
Under 22	6.0	5.2	6.6
22-24	9.2	9.7	9.6
25-34	29.1	29.9	27.9
35-39	12.3	11.5	10.4
Total 40 and Over	43.4	42.7	46.5
40-44	9.0	9.0	7.8
45-54	14.2	13.7	13.4
55-64	11.0	11.0	11.1
65 and Over	9.2	9.0	13.2

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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